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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 203696

FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PINS, AG, WA

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON NAMIBIA

REFS: A)LAGOS 9522 (NOTAL); B)LAGOS 9675; C)USUN 2619

1. REPRODUCED BELOW, FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH MRS. APPOLLUS, IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF NAMIBIA TALKS. CONTACT GROUP HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO IN NEW YORK AND HAS KEPT FRONT LINE STATES INFORMED OF PROGRESS. WE ARE REPEATING TELEGRAM (REF C) WITH TALKING POINTS USED FOR BRIEFING  
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FRONT-LINE STATES TO YOU FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT YOU NOT GO INTO THIS DEGREE OF DETAIL WITH MRS. APPOLLUS, WHO SHOULD BE KEPT UP TO DATE BY SWAPO ITSELF.

2. WE BELIEVE EXPLORATORY EFFORTS OF THE CONTACT GROUP HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION

IN NAMIBIA IN KEEPING WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
385. SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS,  
INCLUDING ABANDONMENT OF ITS PROPOSED ETHNICALLY-BASED  
CONSTITUTION FOR NAMIBIA AND APPOINTMENT INSTEAD OF A  
SINGLE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL; RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN  
POLITICAL PRISONERS WITH IMPARTIAL PANEL TO DETERMINE

WHO IS OR IS NOT A POLITICAL PRISONER; RETURN OF ALL  
NAMIBIAN EXILES; PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN  
FORCES; AND FREE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN PRESENCE OF  
A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO MUST BE SATISFIED AT  
ALL STAGES AS TO FAIRNESS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.  
THESE CONCESSIONS DO NOT FULLY MEET TERMS OF RESOLUTION  
385 OR DEMANDS OF SWAPO. QUESTION OF PHASED WITHDRAWAL  
OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IS PROVING PARTICULARLY  
DIFFICULT AND SEVERAL OTHER THORNY ISSUES REMAIN TO BE  
NEGOTIATED. AT AUGUST 8-11 TALKS WITH CONTACT GROUP  
IN NEW YORK, SWAPO SHOWED ITSELF FLEXIBLE IN SOME AREAS  
AND LESS SO IN OTHERS, BUT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT  
NEGOTIATIONS HOLD POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCEPTABLE  
RESOLUTION OF NAMIBIA QUESTION, ALTHOUGH FURTHER  
DISCUSSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY. TIME HAS COME FOR UN  
TO BEGIN TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE  
PROCESS AND WALDHEIM HAS AGREED TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY  
PLANNING ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL UN INVOLVEMENT. IF  
PARTIES CAN REACH AGREEMENT, AND THIS IS BY NO MEANS  
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ASSURED, A SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATE WILL BE NECESSARY  
BEFORE UN ACTIVITIES COULD BEGIN IN NAMIBIA.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MRS. APPOLLUS'  
COMMENTS ON NAMIBIAN ISSUES IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS  
AT LAGOS CONFERENCE. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN  
EXTENT TO WHICH SWAPO LEADERSHIP HAS KEPT MRS. APPOLLUS  
INFORMED OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CONTACT GROUP.

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